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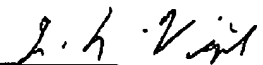
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Applicant(s): Kevin L. Parsons					
Serial No. 10/025,000	Filing Date December 18, 2001	Examiner Omar Flores Sanchez	Group Art Unit 3724		
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